

THE REACH

OCUUC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ORANGE COAST
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CHURCH



Sunday Services in June 2021

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June 27: Living Over the Rainbow
Roz Esposito

THE PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

From Debra Quam, President, Board of Trustees

"If enough people think of a thing and work hard enough at it, I guess it's pretty nearly bound to happen, wind and weather permitting."

Laura Ingalls Wilder, 1867-1957

The quote above describes how I have experienced working with the members and friends of OCUUC. We are the "little engine that could" when it comes to harnessing our ideas, energy, and actions to accomplish all things large and small.

Due to the roll out of Covid-19 vaccinations, California has moved into the "yellow tier" of California guidelines for reopening. Because of this we are resuming in person services and meetings at the church in accordance with those guidelines. We will continue to follow the current California guidelines for reopening as circumstances change.

As you know, the pandemic has created a new phenomenon for us all: we can choose to be Roomers or Zoomers when it comes to attending church services and meetings. These last few months, many people have been working to put plans, procedures, and technology in place to safely reopen for in person church services and meetings. Our first "hybrid" Sunday service, meaning meeting simultaneously in person and on Zoom, took place May 30, 2021.

Many thanks to Nancy Loughrey, Property Use Group Co-Chair, for leading the reopening task force, and to Rev. Sian, Beth Syverson and many other volunteers who have worked on this challenging endeavor to move to

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hybrid services. Special thanks to Steve Morihiro for his many hours of work to install upgraded audio and video equipment in Daniels Hall, Suite 4, and the Victoria Room so that we can conduct hybrid meetings and services.

Now that Covid restrictions have lessened, Meg Wilson, VP Finance, has been busy working with short-term renters who wish to return to holding their meetings and events on our campus. These short-term renters bring in much needed revenue and Meg has done a terrific job of managing all that goes along with bringing them back on campus.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been hard at work completing remodeling of many of our meeting spaces in the RE/Admin building and Daniels Hall and preparing the buildings for reopening.

Shown below is the newly remodeled Victoria Room which is now twice the size of the former room. This room now has TV monitors and equipment at both ends of the room to accommodate those accessing meetings via Zoom. Thanks to a special donation made by four OCUUC couples, the Victoria Room now has eight new tables which can be easily folded and rolled away to increase the versatility of the room.



All members are encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting which will be a hybrid service held both in person and via Zoom on Sunday, June 13, 2021, at 11:45 AM. Please watch the Blast for further Congregational Meeting announcements which will include links to the agenda, the slate of nominees for elected church

positions, the proposed budget, proposed bylaws changes, and the annual reports of all committees and church officers. Hard copies of these materials will be sent to those members who do not have online access.

The UUA General Assembly is again going to be held online this year due to the pandemic. The good news about this is that it is much easier and affordable to attend GA online than in person. If you would like to attend General Assembly, please go to UUA.org to register. If you would like to be a delegate to GA representing OCUUC, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Debra Quam, president@ocuuc.org

SIAN'S SHENANIGANS

From Our Minister: Rev. Sian Wiltshire

My father used to say, "I don't have a sense of humor." This wasn't actually true,

though I think he said it as he wasn't someone who told jokes much or did practical jokes. He was a serious, but gentle man. But there was one form of humor he loved: Puns. He called them "punishment."

Groan

I remember once when I

was studying Latin and Roman History in college, I told him about some of Caesar's military campaigns in what is now France. He deadpanned, "Sounds like Caesar had a lot of *Gaul*." If you didn't know, Gaul is the Latin word for France. That still makes me chuckle.

Being people of the "word," we UUs love our wordplay. We love etymology, to know



where words come from and why they were created. One of the most famous word-play artists, was George Carlin. He was given, in fact, an honorary Ph.D. in English, for his brilliant analysis of the English language. For example, he would ask "Why do we park in a driveway, but drive in a parkway?" and "Why do women have a pair of panties, but only one bra?" and "If crime fighters fight crime and fire fighters fight fires, what do freedom fighters fight?"

Word plays and puns help us to remember not to take ourselves too seriously. They gently point out how silly we human beings can be. So, what are some of your favorite word plays? I hope this short article gave you a couple of chuckles and if you remember a fun one, send it on to me! I love a good word play or pun – and definitely a chuckle!

With Love,

Rev. Sian



Worship in June 2021

Worship Theme: Play

Please note that given the changing nature of the world, topics may change to address the needs of our times. Below are the topics currently being considered.

June 6: Beth's Addiction Story. Beth Syverson will share her own journey with addiction, plus her son Joey and others from the church will share their stories as well. Beth will help us ponder the root causes of addiction and will suggest ways we as a community can help those who are affected by its pull. [Beth Syverson](#)

June 13: Flower Communion and Bridging. Come join us as we celebrate the Unitarian Universalist multigenerational tradition of "Flower Communion." We also lift up the bridging of our youth to adulthood this day. [Rev. Sian and Rev. Judy.](#)

June 20: The Importance of Play. What does play look like as an adult? How can we give up our sense of guilt for not doing anything "productive?" On this fun filled day, we also honor Rev. Judy's retirement. [Rev. Sian](#)

June 27: Living Over the Rainbow. To honor Pride Month, our guest speaker and guest musician will share about the extensive work she's done around the story of Lawrence/Letisha King, a 15-year-old non-binary student who was shot during class in Oxnard in 2008. The story touched Roz so deeply that she felt an imperative to keep his story in our collective memory. First, she made a documentary (which will be shown on Rainbow Movie Night on June 26, by the way), and then she created an amazing musical called "Living Over the Rainbow" that now has several major producers and is making its way to Broadway stages. [Roz Esposito](#)



Joys and Sorrows on Sundays

If you would like to express a Joy or Sorrow to be read during the service on Sunday, please send an email by 9:00 am on Sunday morning to joysandsorrows@ocuuc.org. You will also have an opportunity to type a response in the Zoom chat. And please continue to reach out to one another and stay in touch. An unexpected phone call is like a smile; free and does a world of good.

RANDOM KINDNESS

Religious Education News
from RE Minister Rev. Judy Tomlinson

Exciting news! We will all begin to meet in-person for worship and Religious Education—just not in the same location. Back in April the Re-opening Taskforce sent around a survey. On the basis of the information we received we got busy planning how to go about the reopening process. Parents told us that they didn't want their children and youth to meet indoors so the RE Committee and I searched out a suitable outdoor location. We found Estancia Park at the corner of Adams and Mesa Verde West, a short distance from our OCUUC campus. It is a safe distance from the street, has picnic tables, shade, a pleasant breeze, and restrooms. Parents will need to plan a little extra time into their Sunday morning to sign children and youth in at drop-off and get back to Estancia Park before 12:00 noon for pick-up. Children and adults will wear masks and hand sanitizer will be at the ready.

Play is our theme for June. We will discover how play connects us. On our first Sunday at the park, June 6 at 10:30 AM, we will play community building games to help us get acquainted/reacquainted with each other. On June 13 a reptile presenter will show us some amazing animals and we can even touch and hold them! Later in the month we will celebrate Pride with rainbows, play pretend, and play with words. Just below the surface of fun that play provides, come the added benefits of creativity, expanded problem-solving skills, social, language and physical skills. I hope you will join us as we play to laugh, learn, and grow!

June 27 I will be retiring. I have had a long life-enriching career as a Director of Religious Education and as a Minister of Religious Education. I have worked with so many talented, visionary, and dedicated volunteers and have witnessed the growth, development, and spiritual maturity of countless children and youth. My spirit is full to overflowing. I want to thank you all for giving me the privilege of coming back to OCUUC as DRE for

these last three plus years. I will continue at OCUUC as a member. I'm delighted that Karen Magoon Pearson will be stepping back into the DRE position!

With love and gratitude,
Rev. Judy, DRE

MUSIC NOTES

from Director of Music Ministries: Beth Syverson

Summer Music at OCUUC:

It's almost time for our dear Orange Coast Choir to take a 2-month hiatus over the summer. If you have the opportunity, please thank the choir for their continued patience and spirit of adventure as they go with the flow in this changing Covid landscape. We are still creating virtual choir videos, and we have been holding hybrid rehearsals for about 2 months now -- in the church courtyard + on Zoom. The rehearsals have been a major improvement over all-Zoom rehearsals, because now we can hear each other sing in real time. But we are still masked and distanced, so our sound is muffled and hard to hear. Steve Morihiro, Phil Chipman, and Craig Sperry have been spending lots of time and energy to create a sound system containing 5 mics and 5 monitors so the choir can hear themselves better, both in the courtyard and on Zoom. AND we are very much looking forward to the day when it is safe to sing indoors again, all squished together in the choir loft. For now, we will take what we can get and cherish the community singing we are able to do at this time.

While the choir is off for two months, I plan to host two or three all-community sing-alongs in the courtyard. We will need to be masked and distanced, but if you've been missing singing (or hearing) hymns together, this will be a chance to remember how that felt...sort of. Keep an eye out for an announcement soon. And this summer, there will be more opportunities for soloists and small groups to perform live or on video for

our worship services. If you have an idea for a performance you'd like to do, just let me know.

For now, those who come to worship in Daniels Hall on Sunday mornings are asked NOT to sing (except the song leader or soloist). Zoomers can sing to their heart's content during the worship service though.

Thank you for being patient and caring during this liminal period when we are all trying to transition to our New Normal. Since singing uses so much air, it is one of the more dangerous Covid-spreading activities, so we will be cautious. The AUUMM (Association of UU Music Ministries) is providing well-singing, and I am modeling our approach on their suggestions.

While the choir's away this summer, there will be more opportunities for soloists and small groups to perform live or on video for our worship services. If you have an idea for a performance you'd like to do, just let me know.

Lastly, I'd like to give another shout-out to Steve Morihiro, who has been the organizer and implementer of all the new tech that's been required to create our hybrid services and meetings. The church is super-lucky to have someone so knowledgeable and generous. Next time you see Steve, please give him your special appreciation.

Musically Yours,
Beth Syverson
Director of Music Ministries
MusicDirector@ocuuc.org



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THE BIG QUESTION:

“When may we come back on site?”

Almost time!

Our first service back onsite was May 30th. Yeah! Orange County reached Yellow Tier, and we are prepared to move forward. Of course, we will also continue on Zoom. We know everyone is not ready or able to return onsite. Many people are also anxious to see each other in person. One of the Task Force's guiding principles has been that everyone will make that decision for themselves, and we will all respect and honor their decision.

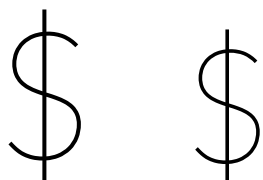
On May 23rd, the service was mostly broadcast from Daniels Hall. It was only open to those involved in creating the service, so it was a surprise to many. Things were the same and different. We have a new camera in Daniels Hall for better visibility, and Suite 4 and the Victoria Room can now participate through Zoom.

Until mid-June, we will require masks and set up the chairs to allow for physical distancing. Windows will be open in Daniels Hall. Registration will be required, so everyone will know they have a seat before they arrive. Registration will open at 9:00 am on Saturdays, and we ask that you register by 9:00 am on Sunday so we can set the chairs appropriately. We have upgraded our technology to better integrate the Roomers and Zoomers. Here is a Frequently Asked Questions document ([link to document https://ocuuc.org/wp-content/uploads/FAQ-Reopening.pdf](https://ocuuc.org/wp-content/uploads/FAQ-Reopening.pdf)) to explain the details and hopefully answer many questions.

We are watching registration carefully to see how everyone is “voting with their feet”. We

may make adjustments to accommodate concerns or additional people as things progress. After June 15th, California guidelines will change, and we will comply. We may designate some rooms to not require physical distancing or masks.

If you have questions or feedback, please email reopening@OCUUC.org.



Pledge Result Announcement

I am thrilled to report to you the results of our 2021/2022 Pledge Drive Campaign. During this time of social distance you have let us know how important OCUUC is to you.

To date we have 104 Pledge Units resulting in \$212,328.48!! You did this. YOU are supporting this beloved community to help it not just survive, but THRIVE.

Thank you.

I want to acknowledge my son-in-law, Dave Courtemanche, who donated his time and expertise in designing the postcard and brochure that we used in the campaign. He also designed the Thank You gift bags. Dave's support has been a behind the scenes hidden treasure.

Don Martin has been the scribe of our committee and Mary Smithberger has contributed suggestions and helped to deliver gift bags. If you haven't yet received your gift bag, please see or email me.

In case you are wondering, it is never too late to make a pledge and help us sustain our OCUUC community.

Thank you all!!

Sandie Martin



Sanctuary Construction Committee Update

by Craig Sperry,
Chair of the Sanctuary Construction Committee

At a recent weekly Zoom meeting our sanctuary construction committee met with our *domusstudio* architect David Keitel to discuss the timeline of the project now that we are further along in the design development phase.

Just as COVID has affected so many aspects of our lives over the past year, it has also had an impact upon the construction industry, with increased prices for in-demand building materials including lumber. The impact of these price hikes and unanticipated code requirements discovered by our civil engineer in his due diligence have caused the architect to need to modify their design plans for the exterior of the sanctuary to keep our project costs in line and meet the code requirements. However, the sanctuary interior plans remain the same.

In addition to the design revisions, our project timeline has also moved into early 2022 for a construction groundbreaking in January. Project completion is now set for September 2022. Perhaps this delay will allow the lumber prices in particular to settle back down once the post-COVID demand has subsided somewhat.

At our last Zoom meeting for May, David presented us with some revised design concepts for our review and direction. Once our committee has reached consensus on the revised exterior plan, we will be sharing it with all of you in the congregation with more information about the design revisions. In the meantime, I can be reached at craigsperry@aol.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Sanctuary Capital Campaign Update

by Linda Spery, campaign chair

You may have noticed that during our successful annual operating campaign headed by Sandie Martin that the sanctuary capital campaign was in a "quiet phase" in support of Sandie and her team.

Now that the canvass has wrapped up, I'd like to give you an update on the sanctuary fund-raising. Payment on existing pledges and new gifts to the capital campaign as well as Beth's 20th anniversary continue to come in.

Thanks to all of you for your generosity! When we are nearing groundbreaking in December and January, we will have a special groundbreaking fundraising drive offering the opportunity for additional year-end gifts if you feel inclined to do so.

As per our agreement with the stewards, they will now begin making congregants aware of the sculpture collection bestowed to OCUUC by longtime artist member Issa Graves. Issa and her husband Bob were active members of OCUUC. Dave Carlson is overseeing the project and has coordinated delivery of the sculptures to the church campus. He has had the sculptures appraised by a professional appraiser referred to him by curators at the Long Beach Museum of Art. Dave is in charge of marketing the individual sculptures to congregants and the greater community.

Fifty percent of the income from the sculptures will go to the endowment with 50 percent to the sanctuary fund. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks. Dave can be reached at davecarlson715@gmail.com for more information.



"High Bear" is one of 30 sculptures in the Issa Graves collection for sale. The terra cotta bust sculpture of a Native American man is 15" in height and priced at \$395.

In the meantime, please continue to fulfill your pledges to the sanctuary capital campaign. Our current total of pledges/gifts/grants is \$1,187,856. There are 124 total donors (101 current members participating and 23 friends, former members, staff, and emeritus members).

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to arrange a gift of any size. Donations can be made on the website if you'd like to do so at [Home | Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church \(myvanco.com\)](http://Home | Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church (myvanco.com)).

If this is your first sanctuary gift, please click on **"Sanctuary Relaunch."**

Gifts can also be mailed to OCUUC at P.O. Box 3770, Costa Mesa, CA 92628-3770.



Photo Caption: Issa Graves (left) and Linda Kraemer

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Board Minutes and Reports


Ever wonder what is discussed at the monthly Board of Trustees meeting? OCUUC has been alive and well during the pandemic. The Board Minutes include detailed reports from Rev. Sian, Rev. Judy, Beth Syverson (Music Minister), Sarah Jones (Church Administrator), as well as reports from committees such as the New Sanctuary Campaign, Programs, Communications, Finance, Buildings & Grounds, Caring, Safety and others. The Recorder publishes the monthly Board Minutes and Reports in the Member Area of the OCUUC website.

Reading this document is an easy way to go deeper into the "news" and "workings" of OCUUC; more so than what you might typically read in the BLAST, REACH or on the public portion of our website. If you are logged into the Member Area of the OCUC website, then just click here: <https://ocuuc.org/memberarea/board-minutes/>

If you need assistance with a login and password to the Member Area of the website,

email webmaster@ocuuc.org. Step by step instructions to access the Member Area are shown in the images below.

Step 1: Go to OCUUC.org and scroll down to Log In link



Step 2: Enter User Name and Password. If you need an account or don't remember your password, email webmaster@ocuuc.org for help.

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Step 3: Click on the Member Area drop down menu and then click on Board Minutes and Reports.



Step 4: Select and download the Board Minutes and Reports




Most (but not all) events are Online

Sunday Services: 10:30 am

Onsite and on Zoom

Most of our meetings take place on Zoom. Find your event on the OCUUC website calendar and click on details to find the Zoom meeting ID.

Thursday, June 3

Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm

Friday, June 4

Social Hour, 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 5

Congregational Conversation/Workshop on Racism 10:00 am

StitchWits, 10:30 am

Writing Club 6:30 pm

Sunday, June 6

RE Class, 9:30 am

Meditation Group, 9:45 am

Worship Service, 10:30 am

Youth Group, 11:30 am

AHA Group, 12:15 pm

Monday, June 7

OCUUC Fiction Book Group 7:30 pm

Wednesday, June 9

Finance Council Meeting 2:00 pm

Committee on Ministry, 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 10

Choir Rehearsal, 6:00 pm

Friday, June 11

Artists UUnite, 1:00 pm

Social Hour, 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 12

StitchWits, 10:30 am

LGBTQ Action Group, 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 13

RE Class, 9:30 am

Worship Service, 10:30 am

Youth Group, 11:30 am

Annual Congregational Meeting

11:45am

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Tuesday, June 15

Caring Circle, 12:00 pm

Friday, June 18

Social Hour, 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 19

StitchWits, 10:30 am

Sunday, June 20

RE Class, 9:30 am

Meditation Group, 9:45 am

Worship Service, 10:30 am

Youth Group, 11:30 am

Nonfiction Book Club, 12:30 pm

Monday, June 21

What Do You Think? 7:30 pm

Wednesday, June 23

UUA General Assembly: Wednesday,

June 23 – Sunday, June 27

Board of Trustees Dinner 6:00 pm

Friday, June 25

Social Hour, 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 26

StitchWits, 10:30 am

Rainbow Movie Night 7:00 pm

Sunday, June 27

RE Class, 9:30 am

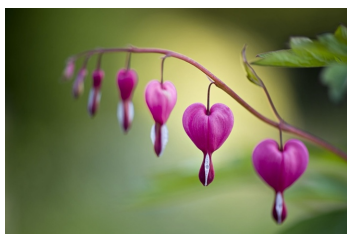
Worship Service, 10:30 am

Youth Group, 11:30 am

Women's Circle, 12:00 pm

Monday, June 28

How to Be an Antiracist book discussion
7:00 pm



IN REMEMBRANCE

Iris M. Kaufman, MD, a long-time former member, passed away October 13, 2020 from dementia in a nursing home. She was an ophthalmologist by profession. Iris is survived by her daughter, Amy Kaufman, and many nephews and nieces.



Artists UUnite to Meet on June 11

by Linda Spery

OCUUC's Artists UUnite group will meet on Friday, June 11 from 1 -3 p.m. in the courtyard. Novice and experienced artists are welcome. Bring your own art supplies and a project you are working on. If you have an easel and stool, please bring it so we can set up to sketch or paint the beautiful flowers "en plein air" in the courtyard. Be sure to wear a mask. Our seating will be distanced throughout the outdoor space. For more information, please contact Linda Spery at lindaspery@gmail.com or 562-212-5317.



What about Anti-Racism?

Let us meet the challenge of dismantling white supremacy culture! Several OCUUC members recently started understanding racism more deeply. We have come to understand that racism

is not only a justice issue, but also a public health issue. Let's join forces and see what we can do! Everyone is invited to join a Congregational Conversation on Saturday, June 5th, 10 am to 12:30 pm, to share our feelings, opinions and hopes for the future of OCUUC on this topic. The facilitation will be led by Rev. Sian and breakout groups will be used to ensure time for all voices to be heard. To register, or for questions, please email Phyllis Daniel,

phyllisdaniel@sbcglobal.net,
or call 657-212-5995.



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OCUUC WRITING CLUB

Hello, everyone,

We just wanted to share that we have received many writing entries from the Writing Club group and that we are really blown away with all the talents we have at our church.

In the Writing Club, we have a peer review where everyone is welcome to give their comments on the writing piece. And this is very valuable to me especially as a novice writer.

We are meeting once a month virtually, on the **first Saturday of the month at 6:30PM**. And don't worry if you don't know what to write, we assign a monthly theme each month, and you have a month to write something about the theme. Either your personal stories, opinions, or

even poems. Check out the Blast for a link or our Facebook group page,

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ocuucwritingclub/>

Speaking about poems, I just wanted to share a glimpse of writing entries that we received. I have never seen anything like this before, because the writer not only conveys the content in writing, but also it opens to the possibility that letter fonts can be used to express your meaning.

APRIL Theme: BECOMING

..... with *profound* apologies to e.e.cummings

b.e.cumming

W(ho)comes first
& then (grows) in(2) what?
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gress to B[e] WHAT(?) WHERE(?)
WHO(?).

Is growing...

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er (FLY) progress

OR
death?



Have you ever played Dungeons & Dragons? Would you like to learn? Geoff Ayton and Joel Kilchoer are willing, if you are, to lead us in some fun D&D Scenarios.

We are currently playing two campaigns: *Lost Mines of Phandelver*, run by Joel and an *Eberon Campaign* run by Geoff.

If you're interested, please email Geoff (Geoffrey.ayton@gmail.com).

Ages: 12-Adult.

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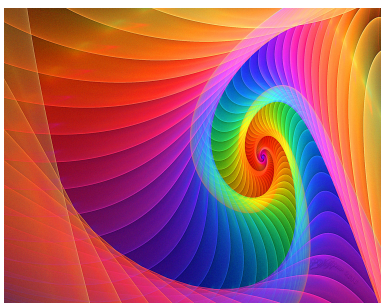
StitchWits

(note: new time!)

Do you knit, crochet, sew, or enjoy any other crafts? Do you believe in using your skills to help others? Then you might be a StitchWit!

Stitchwits are knitting, crocheting, or sewing the following items for Stand Up for Kids: hats, scarves, fingerless mitts, cowls, and baby blankets. Preferred colors: dark blue, purple, black, grey. Sizes for 12 to 24 year-olds. We have no specific patterns to use, just use your favorite. If you would like a pattern, just ask! This is an ongoing activity, so feel free to join!

If you would like to participate, please let Barbara Schilling know at 949/285-0918 or harper0117@gmail.com. Stitchwits meet on Zoom every **Saturday from 10:30 to 12:30**. Find the link on the calendar page of our website or contact Barbara.



LGBTQ Action Group

Happy Pride Month!

Our LGBTQ Action Group's June meeting has been rescheduled because of the Annual Congregational Meeting. Instead, our meeting will be held on Saturday, June 12 at 7:00pm on

Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87049597873?pwd=cmszcnBIN3Zid0IUWiYxQUhta0xWdz09>

Our Rainbow Movie Night on Saturday, June 26 at 7pm, is going to be tied into the next day's worship service. Our guest Roz Esposito will be sharing the story of the gender non-conforming high school student who was shot in their classroom in Oxnard in 2008. Roz created a documentary about Lawrence/Leticia King, which we will show on the Saturday Rainbow Movie Night, and then on Sunday she will center the service around that story, and she will share songs from the musical she was inspired to create in order to keep Lawrence/Leticia's story alive. This event is free, open to everyone, and on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87215780018>

All our events are open to everyone, no matter which letter of the LGBTQ+ spectrum you're on, and we welcome our straight allies with open arms. If anyone who is LGBTQ+ would like to share their personal story at one of our upcoming meetings (typically on the 2nd Sunday of the month), please contact

Beth Syverson

(musicdirector@ocuuc.org) or

Jan Mabie

(janselectrical@gmail.com).



What Do You Think?

a new discussion group focused on current events and their relationship to UU Values

In May, Dave Carlson started leading a new monthly discussion group, *What Do You Think?*, which focuses on one current event that has broad ramifications for the US or the world. The topic is announced via a mailing list that's been developed using May's participants and others who have expressed interest in this group.

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The topic is also mentioned during the church service on the previous Sunday.

The discussion group meets via Zoom from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, on the third Monday of each month. Attendees will be asked to do a little "homework" on the topic before attending. If you'd like to participate, please email Dave Carlson to get put on the mailing list. Contact him at davecarlson715@gmail.com.

The May 17th discussion was focused on the bombing of girls' schools in Afghanistan. It was a very productive discussion resulting in some insights about our first Principle: *The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person*.

Dave has been a member of OCUUC since 1997 and a UU for more than 40 years. He has a Ph.D. and has taught behavioral psychology, engineering, and literature for multiple academic organizations.



Women's Circle

Mark your calendars for June 27th at noon when the Women's Circle will meet on Zoom. <https://ocuuc.org/events/womens-circle/> The Women's Circle is one of the longest running church groups at OCUUC and is for women of all ages. Grab your cup of coffee or tea after the Sunday service and drop in the zoom gathering. If you have not been to the Circle for a while or if it's your first time, no worries! Friendly faces are waiting to greet one and all.

The Women's Circle meets every month on the fourth Sunday. Find the zoom meeting link on the calendar page of the OCUUC website <https://ocuuc.org/events/womens-circle/>. Contact Peggy Priver (MHPriver@mac.com) or the church administrator at admin@ocuuc.org if you have any questions. See you there!

FICTION BOOK GROUP



The OCUUC Fiction Book Group will meet Monday evening, June 7th at 7:30pm via Zoom to discuss "The Murmur of Bees" by Sofia Segovia. Please join us online for what we hope will be a lively discussion.

Contact Eva Goodwin-Noriega for the link if you need it. All are welcome.

JUNE PLATE SHARE



Radiant Health Centers provides compassionate care for all, including free HIV testing, LGBTQ+ health services, and other specialized medical and comprehensive social services. They are working to eliminate stigma and overcome health disparities impacting the LGBTQ+ community to create a healthy Orange County for all.

Clients who come to Radiant Health Centers for testing or care are treated with dignity, respect and, above all, compassion. Radiant Health Centers help anyone in need of care, and do not discriminate. Their team of professionals and their supporters in the community are passionate about health equity and believe everyone deserves high-quality healthcare.

Over the last three months, Radiant Health Centers has experienced a 300% increase in clients seeking mental health care. The increase in new referrals, coupled with their current and former clients seeking to resume therapy, has put stress on their resources. Radiant Health Centers is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

Pursuant to the Bylaws, the OCUUC Board calls for The Annual Meeting of the Congregation to convene in Daniels Hall and on Zoom Video Conferencing via <https://zoom.us/j/3931579606>

Sunday, June 13, 2021, at 11:45 AM.

Agenda

1. Call to order: Determination of a quorum (20% of eligible members)
2. Chalice Lighting and reflection
3. Approval of minutes from Congregational Meetings June 14, 2020 & February 21, 2021
4. Awards: Shining Stars, Unsung UU, and Joan Gillan Award
5. Recognition of 25 Year Member
6. Questions/comments regarding annual reports
7. Election of Officers, Trustees, Stewards, and Nominators
8. Approval of the 2021 - 2022 Budget
9. Proposed Bylaws Revisions/Amendments
10. Other New Business
11. Appreciation and recognition for those elected who are completing their service
12. Installation of Elected Officers, Trustees, Stewards and Committee members
13. Adjournment

If you require assistance, please email admin@ocuuc.org
This meeting is being recorded

Nominations to Elected Positions to be Voted Upon at the June 13, 2021, Congregational Meeting

OFFICE	TERM ENDS	NOMINEE* or INCUMBENT
President	June 2022 May be continued until June 2024 if renominated and approved by Congregation on a yearly basis	Nancy Loughrey*
VP of Finance	June 2022 May be continued until June 2026 if renominated and approved by Congregation on a yearly basis	Debra Quam*
VP of Programs	June 2022 May be continued until June 2023 if renominated and approved by Congregation on a yearly basis	Sarah Hunter
Recorder	June 2022 May be continued until June 2023 if renominated and approved by Congregation on a yearly basis	Linda Sperry
Treasurer	June 2022 May be continued until June 2024 if renominated and approved by Congregation on a yearly basis	Meg Wilson*
Bursar	June 2022 May be continued indefinitely if renominated and approved by Congregation on a yearly basis	Tom Loughrey*
TRUSTEES	June 2022	Yulis Ayton
	June 2022	Carolina Tercero-Brandon
	June 2022	Cory Brown
	June 2023	Christy Montgomery*
NOMINATORS	June 2022	Sunny Harper
	June 2022	Birdie Reed
	June 2022	Sue Quam
	June 2022	April Stilson
	June 2024	Karen Kennedy*
STEWARDS	June 2022	Marilyn Frenz
	June 2023	Don Martin
	June 2024	Mary Smithberger*

* New to position. Others are incumbents